



State of New Jersey

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Kathleen C. Callahan, Director
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
26 Federal Plaza
New York, New York 10278

SEP 14 1994

Dear Director Callahan:

Re: Removal Request - Quest Property
Margaret King Farm Road
Ringwood, Passaic County

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) hereby submits the Quest Property site for CERCLA removal action consideration. This referral is written verification of the verbal request for United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) assistance requested on July 8, 1994 by the Department. The following information supports the removal request.

On July 5, 1994 the Passaic County Health Department notified the Department that an oil like substance had been illegally disposed of on a vacant lot, currently known to the Department as the Quest Property site ("site"). The site is located on Margaret King Farm Road in Ringwood Boro, Passaic County. The property is owned by Quest Partnership.

Department personnel from the Bureau of Emergency Response (BER) met with Passaic County Health Department personnel and conducted an inspection of the site. The site had been recently cleared of trees and two sink holes had formed at the rear portion of the property. Liquid materials had been illegally disposed of into the two sink holes by unknown persons. A large area of contaminated soil and distressed vegetation was also observed. BER personnel performed field tests which determined the material to be a waste aromatic hydrocarbon solvent. BER applied absorbent pads for initial containment. A partner of Quest, Mr. Philip Burghart, contracted an environmental firm to begin cleanup activities at the site.

On July 8, 1994 DEP personnel met with EPA personnel at the site and requested assistance for removal and disposal of the abandoned materials. The EPA issued verbal authorization to oversee the cleanup and disposal of hazardous materials at the site.

As previously mentioned, this referral serves as written verification of the above referenced emergency situation and the Department's request for the USEPA to sample, characterize and

REMOVAL REQUEST
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(609) 584-4298

TO: Janet Smolenski, Bureau of Field Operations - Case Assignment Section

FROM: Chris Gibbons / Wade Wiarda PHONE # 201-669-3955

SITE NAME: ~~Margaret King~~ Philip Burghart Property

ALIASE: _____

BLOCK: 311 LOT: 4 ACREAGE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: Margaret King Ave

MUNICIPALITY: Ringwood COUNTY: Passaic

SITE DESCRIPTION (SETTING): Vacant lot (formerly wooded)
Site Cleared to sell. Illegal dumping of 100+ gallons
of Combustible Solvents

TYPE OF OPERATION: None

YEAR BEGIN: _____ YEAR END: _____

OWNER (ADDRESS): Philip Burghart 201 962-4480 OPERATOR (ADDRESS): _____

TYPE OF MATERIALS STORED ON SITE (QUANTITY, CONDITION, SECONDARY CONTAINMENT):

Illegal dumping 100+ gallons of Solvent from tanker
NO Containment into 2 Sink holes

SITE SECURITY (FENCES, SIGNS, ETC.): NO Security

DISTANCE TO NEAREST RESIDENCE: 500ft

DISTANCE TO NEAREST SENSITIVE POPULATION (SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, ETC.): _____

Unknown
DISTANCE TO NEAREST SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT: Waryw Resiver 1 mile
trib to same on property

SAMPLING DATA YES: _____ NO X (IF YES INCLUDE SUMMARY)

NOV's ISSUED? (DATES): None

STATE CASE LEAD: BEL-1

NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE INCIDENT REPORT AND BER INVESTIGATION REPORT.